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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title):

METHOD OF PRODUCING PHASE SHIFT MASK BLANK, METHOD OF PRODUCING

PHASE SHIFT MASK, PHASE SHIFT MASK BLANK, AND PHASE SHIFT MASK

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$\boxtimes$	Formal drawings (Figs. 1-24; 15 sheets) are attached.
	Use Figure for front page of Publication.
$\boxtimes$	A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
$\boxtimes$	This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No filed
	(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)
$\boxtimes$	This patent application is assigned to SHIN-ETSU CHEMICAL CO., LTD.
	The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
	An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
	Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
	A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
$\boxtimes$	Priority of foreign applications No. 2003-093280 filed March 31, 2003 in Japan, No. 2003-093296 filed March 31, 2003
	in Japan and No. 2003-093301 filed March 31, 2003 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
	A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign applications is filed herewith.
	This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that
	the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or
	under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.
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